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DECLARATION OF VADIM BICHKO

Sir:

I, Vadim Bichko, of 23 Claredon Road, Belmont, Massachusetts 02478,
declare that:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified
patent.

2. The actual inventors of the claimed subject matter in the above-identified patent are Victor Shifrin, Svetlana Bergelson, and me.

3. The error in inventorship in the above-identified patent occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

It is further declared that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Dated: August 20, 2003

By:


Vadim BICHKO